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The Honorable Elaine Chao
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Secretary Chao:

On behalf of the Northeast Corridor Commission, we are pleased to deliver the *Northeast Corridor Capital Investment Plan: Fiscal Years 2019 to 2023*. This effort satisfies a requirement of Section 11306 of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act and the Northeast Corridor Commuter and Intercity Rail Cost Allocation Policy.

This five-year plan lays out both the capital renewal of basic infrastructure required to support safety and reliability, as well as the special projects required to support the major backlog, modernization, and capacity needs of the corridor. This work is critically important to begin to reverse decades of deterioration and to modernize the corridor so it can continue to support our nation's continued economic growth.

During consideration of this year's Capital Investment Plan, the five U.S. Department of Transportation Commission members applauded the Commission's work to improve the corridor by allocating operating and capital costs and working to identify major capital needs. However, U.S. DOT Commission members abstained from voting on the plan, indicating a desire to work with Commission members to ensure the accuracy of project scope and cost estimates for next year's plan.

The Commission remains committed to bringing all stakeholders together to work in tandem with the federal government on the serious issues facing the Northeast Corridor. We thank you for your support in these efforts.

Sincerely,

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Kevin S. Corbett
Co-Chair, Northeast Corridor
Commission
Executive Director, New Jersey Transit

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